

Abstract

5 **Process for distributing network configuration settings, and apparatus for doing the same**

A process is described for distributing network configuration settings throughout a network comprising a set of devices, including the steps of:

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- establishing in at least one device a description of the network environment;
- detecting in said at least one device a request from a newly connected requesting device;
- starting a first timer with a first period dependent on a predetermined criterion;
- 15 - transmitting to said requesting device network settings after the expiration of said first period.

Figure 4